

VOICE OF ARABS: USSR-U.S. SUMMIT IGNORES THIRD WORLD

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(SUMMARY) THE SOVIET-U.S. SUMMIT MEETING HAS CONTRIBUTED A GREAT DEAL TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS AND HAS LED TO THE SIGNING OF AGREEMENTS WHICH MAY LEAD TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY. THE PEOPLES OF THE THIRD WORLD ARE AWARE OF THE NEED FOR WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY, FOR IN SUCH CONDITIONS THEY CAN REALIZE PROGRESS. THE THIRD WORLD LOOKS FOR REAL INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. BUT THE PEOPLES OF THE THIRD WORLD ARE SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF REGIONAL CONFLICTS NOT OF THEIR OWN MAKING--VIETNAM AND THE MIDDLE EAST ARE BUT TWO EXAMPLES.

"WHEN WE TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE FUTURE OF THESE TWO PROBLEMS, IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT U.S.-SOVIET TALKS, WE CANNOT BE OPTIMISTIC, BECAUSE ALL INDICATIONS POINT TO THE FACT THAT BOTH SIDES ARE CONCENTRATING THEIR EFFORTS ON THEIR OWN MUTUAL INTERESTS. IT APPEARS AS IF NOTHING WILL BE GAINED REGARDING THESE TWO PROBLEMS IN THE PRESENT MEETINGS, EXCEPT THAT THEY WILL BE FROZEN FOR SEVERAL MORE YEARS--GOD ONLY KNOWS HOW MANY! IF CONTINUATION OF THE CONFLICTS IN THIS MANNER IN BOTH SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST SHOULD LEAD TO SOME SORT OF BALANCE BETWEEN THE FORCES SUPPORTING AGGRESSION AND THE FORCES STANDING BY THE PEOPLES' RIGHT TO FREEDOM AND SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR TERRITORIES, WE COULD SAY THAT THE U.S.-SOVIET CONCORD HAS NOT HAD ANY NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON THE LIBERATION FORCES IN THE THIRD WORLD. BUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IS CONTRARY TO THIS.

"THE LIBERATION FORCES ARE FACING VIOLENT PERSECUTION, AND THE IMPERIALIST TIDE IS RISING IN A FEROCIOUS MANNER. CAN WE THEREFORE CONCLUDE THAT THE UNITED STATES AND WORLD IMPERIALISM ARE THE ONLY PARTY BENEFITING FROM THE CLIMATE OF THE U.S.-SOVIET CONCORD? THIS IS A QUESTION WHOSE ANSWER WILL REMAIN UNANSWERED, AWAITING A PRACTICAL ATTITUDE BY THE SOVIET UNION. WHETHER OR NOT WE WAIT A LONG TIME FOR SUCH AN ANSWER, THE ONLY THING WE WOULD LIKE TO AFFIRM IS THAT, IN VIEW OF THESE FAR-REACHING INTERNATIONAL CHANGES, THE THIRD WORLD IS CALLED UPON BASICALLY TO DEPEND UPON ITSELF AND ITS OWN CAPABILITIES AND TO STAND AS ONE FRONT AGAINST THE FEROCIOUS COLONIALIST MARCH, AS THIS IS THE ONLY HOPE IT HAS OF EMERGING TRIUMPHANT FROM ITS BATTLES FOR LIBERATION AND PROGRESS.

"DESPITE ALL THE OBSTACLES AND CHALLENGES CONFRONTING THE STRUGGLERS ALONG THE PATH LEADING TO LIBERATION AND PROGRESS, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THE THIRD WORLD."

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